

his statement recognizing the contributions of Eudora Welty. This Connecticut Yankee loves her writing. And for my birthday present this year I received a first edition copy of one of Eudora Welty's novels.

I prize and cherish her work. She is a Mississippi treasure, but she is also a treasure for this great country of ours. And I associate myself with the remarks of my colleague from Mississippi and commend him for recognizing this remarkable woman who has made such a rich contribution to the literary heritage life of our Nation.

Mr. COCHRAN. I thank the distinguished Senator very much for that.

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Williams, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The nominations received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

At 12 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness.

H.R. 154. An act to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes.

H.R. 911. An act to designate the Federal building located at 310 New Bern Avenue in Raleigh, North Carolina, as the "Terry Sanford Federal Building."

The message also announced that the House has agreed to the following concurrent resolutions, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99.

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit.

The message further announced that the House has passed the following bill, without amendment:

S. 388. An act to authorize the establishment of a disaster mitigation pilot program in the Small Business Administration.

The message also announced that the House agrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H.R. 440) to make

technical corrections to the Microloan Program.

The message further announced that the House disagrees to the amendment of the Senate to the bill (H. Con. Res. 68) establishing the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2000 and setting forth appropriate budgetary levels for each of fiscal years 2001 through 2009, and agrees to the conference asked by the Senate on the disagreeing votes of the two Houses thereon; and appoints Mr. KASICH, Mr. CHAMBLISS, Mr. SHAYS, Mr. SPRATT, and Mr. MCDERMOTT as the managers of the conference on the part of the House.

The message also announced that the House has passed the following bill, with an amendment, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 98. An act to amend chapter 443 of title 49, United States Code, to extend the aviation war risk insurance program and to amend the Centennial Flight Commemoration Act to make technical and other corrections.

The message further announced that pursuant to 14 U.S.C. 194(a), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Coast Guard Academy: Mrs. JOHNSON of Connecticut.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 9355(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Air Force Academy: Mr. YOUNG of Florida and Mr. HEFLEY of Colorado.

The message further announced that pursuant to 44 U.S.C. 2501, the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the National Publications and Records Commission: Mr. BLUNT of Missouri.

The message also announced that pursuant to 46 U.S.C. 1295(h), the Speaker appoints the following Member of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Merchant Marine Academy: Mr. KING of New York.

The message further announced that pursuant to U.S.C. 4355(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Military Academy: Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina and Mrs. KELLY of New York.

The message also announced that pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 6968(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Board of Visitors to the United States Naval Academy: Mr. SKEEN of New Mexico, Mr. GILCHREST of Maryland, Mr. TANNER of Tennessee, and Mr. HOYER of Maryland.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of 15 U.S.C. 1024(a), the Speaker appoints the following Members of the House to the Joint Economic Committee: Mr. STARK of California, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MINGE of Minnesota, and Mr. WATT of North Carolina.

The message further announced that pursuant to the provisions of section 4

of the Congressional Award Act (2 U.S.C. 803) the Minority Leader appoints the following named persons to the Congressional Award National Board of Directors: CARLOS A. ROMERO-BARCELÓ of Puerto Rico, Dolores M. Beilenson of California, Timothy J. Keating of Pennsylvania, and Robert J. Kelley of Missouri.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bills were read the first and second times by unanimous consent and referred as indicated:

H.R. 15. An act to designate a portion of the Otay Mountain region of California as wilderness; the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 154. An act to provide for the collection of fees for the making of motion pictures, television productions, and sound tracks in National Park System and National Wildlife Refuge System units, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

H.R. 449. An act to authorize the Gateway Visitor Center at Independence National Historical Park, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The following concurrent resolutions were read and referred as indicated:

H. Con. Res. 48. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the opening ceremonies of Sunrayce 99; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

H. Con. Res. 49. Concurrent resolution authorizing the use of the Capitol Grounds for the bike rodeo to be conducted by the Earth Force Youth Bike Summit; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEASURE PLACED ON THE CALENDAR

The following bill was read the second time and placed on the calendar:

S. 767. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a 2-month extension for the due date for filing a tax return for any member of a uniformed service on a tour of duty outside the United States for a period which includes the normal due date for such filing.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

The following reports of committees were submitted:

By Mr. JEFFORDS, from the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Special Report entitled "Report on Legislative Activities of the Committee on Labor and Human Resources during the 105th Congress 1997-1998" (Rept. No. 106-40).

By Mr. MCCONNELL, from the Committee on Rules and Administration: Special Report entitled "Review of the Legislative Activities of the Committee on Rules and Administration During the 105th Congress 1997-1998" (Rept. No. 106-41).

By Mr. HATCH, from the Committee on the Judiciary: Report to accompany the bill (S. 247) to amend title 17, United States Code, to reform the copyright law with respect to satellite retransmissions of broadcast signals, and for other purposes (Rept. No. 106-42).

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS

The following bills and joint resolutions were introduced, read the first